

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following subheading:

FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, line 20, before the third paragraph, please insert the following subheading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 11, line 20, before Example 1, please insert the following subheading and text:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a graph showing the evolution in the amount of *L. casei* bacteria as a function of time in two milks having different pHs.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

After page 22 of the specification, please insert the following Abstract on a new page:

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a liquid and aqueous food product containing dehydrated lactic bacteria granules and coated with a vegetable fat material.